

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Generator Building - Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park

LOCATION: Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park - North Bloomfield/Graniteville and Relief Hill Road

COUNTY: Nevada

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Replace the existing generator building by constructing a building to house two new generators at Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park to provide safe clearance around the new generators and electricity for the town. Existing generator shed is too small to provide adequate safe clearance around the new generators. The new building will be approximately 22 feet x 26 feet in size to give adequate and safe clearance around the generators, day tank and batteries for servicing and maintenance. The new building will be constructed with a slab floor with either steel studs or CMU block walls and a steel roof framework and covering; secondary containment for accidental spills will be incorporated into the floor design. Fuel and electrical lines will be run above ground on vertical tracks to provide easy maintenance access and leak detection. Excavate an area approximately 1 foot wide by 2 feet in depth by 88 feet in length for footings. Building grade and parking access will be constructed to ADA specifications. Existing generator building will remain intact along with the electrical panels. One 20-inch diameter pine tree will be removed. New building will be fenced or screened with vegetation to block the viewshed from Main Street and various historic buildings and will be painted to blend with the environment.

The following conditions must be completed either by or under the supervision of a California State Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) qualified archaeologist.

- Conduct pre-construction archaeological shovel testing along proposed location of foundation and trench to determine the presence/absence of subsurface cultural resources. If an archaeological deposit does exist within the project area, a data recovery plan will be written and submitted for Senior State Park Archaeologist review and approval. Following approval, data recovery excavations will need to be completed prior to the project implementation.

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- An archaeological monitoring program scaled to the size and scope of proposed work will be employed as a precautionary measure to identify any further potential for ground disturbing activities to impact archaeological resources.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Sierra District

EXEMPT STATUS:

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section:)
☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 1,3,4 Section: 15301,15303,15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of basic (archaeological) data collection and resource evaluation activities, which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource; construction and location of a new structure; minor alterations in the condition of the land and/or vegetation (minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored).

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